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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: JA VN  
SUBJECT: JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WITH VIETNAMESE  
FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK

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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FONOFF, HATOYAMA-TRINH BILATERAL  
WAS CORDIAL BUT PREDICTABLE. HATOYAMA EXPRESSED JAPANESE  
DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH SRV, WHILE TRINH URGED GOJ  
TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND VOICED  
SUSPICION OF ASEAN. TRINH ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE HATOYAMA'S  
INVITATION TO VISIT JAPAN AT FUTURE DATE. END SUMMARY.

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1. FONOFF 1ST SE ASIAN DEPDIR HOGEN HAS PROVIDED EMBOFF  
WITH FOLLOWING READ-OUT ON SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING OF FONMIN  
HATOYAMA AND SRV FONMIN NGUYEN DUY TRINH IN NEW YORK.

2. HATOYAMA DESCRIBED JAPANESE DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY  
RELATIONS WITH SRV AND TOOK PAINS TO NOTE THAT FUKUDA  
DOCTRINE TOWARDS SE ASIA HAD NO ANTI-VIETNAMESE

CONNOTATIONS. IN TURN, TRINH STATED THAT SRV DID NOT OPPOSE ASEAN COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TOWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION. DESIRE OF SUCH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS JAPAN TO EXTEND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN WAS "NORMAL AND UNDERSTANDABLE." TRINH CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE ELEMENTS WITHIN ASEAN PRESSING FOR FORMATION OF MILITARY BLOC. THAT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN COUNTRIES WAS "INCREASING" WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS TREND TOWARDS ASEAN MILITARISM. HATOYAMA STATED THAT JAPAN SAW NO INDICATION AT ALL OF ANY SUCH SECURITY ROLE FOR ASEAN.

3. TRINH REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING IN ANY DETAIL ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND SRV ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND REPAYMENT OF DEBTS OF SAIGON REGIME (REF-TEL), BUT DID STATE, WITHOUT ANY SPECIFICS, THAT HE FELT JAPAN COULD BE "MORE FORTHCOMING." ACCORDING TO HOGEN, TRINH WAS FRIENDLY AND LOW-KEY IN MAKING THIS POINT BUT LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL TIES WAS DEPENDENT UPON FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, HATOYAMA DEPARTED FROM PREPARED BRIEFING MATERIALS TO EXTEND INVITATION TO TRINH TO VISIT JAPAN AT SOME FUTURE DATE. (HOGEN EXPLAINED THAT GOJ HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO EXTEND INVITATION  
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ONLY AFTER SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF ECONOMIC TALKS IN HANOI FOR FEAR OF VIETNAMESE REFUSAL). TRINH ACCEPTED INVITATION "IN PRINCIPLE," LEAVING DATE TO BE WORKED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. FONOFF DID NOT EXPECT VISIT TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

5. HOGEN CHARACTERIZED HATOYAMA-TRINH MEETING AS PREDICTABLE. MEETING GENERATED FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERICS BUT MARKED NO REAL ADVANCE IN JAPAN-SRV RELATIONS.  
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